

REMARKS

Claims 19 and 35 are pending in the application.

Claim 19, as amended herein, claims a trading system comprising a plurality of user stations, at least one trade execution computer and:

a computer readable medium which stores computer programming executed by the at least one trade execution computer to cause the at least one trade execution computer to carry out a method for executing a forwards spread trade from the forwards orders in the trading system comprising a first leg forwards trade and a second leg forwards trade, and a price spread comprising the difference between prices of the first and second leg forwards trades, the method carried out by the at least one trade execution computer comprising:

Claim 19 is a system claim which includes computer programming that causes a computer to carry out a method. It is submitted that such a claim format has consistently been found by the Office to claim a system and not to violate 35 U.S.C. § 112.

It is submitted that the method carried out by the trade execution computer, as defined in claim 19, is allowable over the prior art applied in previous office actions, which has been discussed and distinguished in previously filed responses.

Claim 35 claims a method and, as amended, is similar to the method carried out by the system claimed in claim 19.

It is submitted that claims 19 and 35 are allowable over the prior art of record. It is also submitted that claims 19 and 35 comply with 35 U.S.C. § 112 in all respects. It is respectfully requested that all previous §§ 103 and 112 rejections against claims 19 and 35 be withdrawn.

Applicant respectfully requests that the Examiner continue examination of pending claims 19 and 35, and allow the application with claims 19 and 35.

Repeating the request above, Applicant's attorney requests an interview with the Examiner prior to issuance of a final office action.

Respectfully Submitted,

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